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LOK SABHA

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SCRAPPING OF SALWA JUDUM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an experts group of the Planning Commission has called for immediate scrapping of `Salwa Judum` in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details of the findings of this experts group; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): An Expert Group was set up by the Planning Commission in 2006 on developmental issues to deal with causes of discontent, unrest and extremism. In its report submitted in 2008, it has suggested several measures to achieve peace and all round development of these areas. Some observations have inter-alia also been made regarding resistance groups formed by local inhabitants against the activities of naxalites in affected areas such as the Salwa Judum in Chhattisgarh and it has cautioned against its possible negative consequences.According to available information, the Report is receiving due consideration in the Planning Commission.

The policy of the Government is to look at the naxalite problem in a holistic and integrated manner and not merely as a security issue. Towards this end, special attention is also being given to developmental and governance related issues with focussed implementation of developmental schemes in the affected areas.